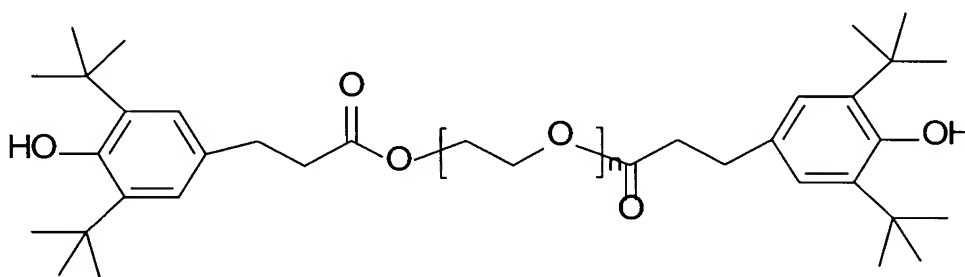


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic stabilizer and at least one reducing agent,

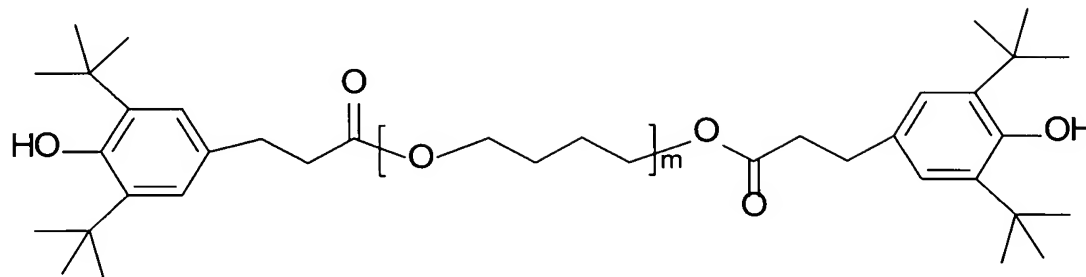
wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number < 100 to DIN 53409 and comprises the following compound as a amorphous phenolic stabilizer is represented by the following formula:



the selection of n is such that, in the stabilizer mixture comprising the individual stabilizer molecules, the weight-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture is greater than the number-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic stabilizer and at least one reducing agent,

wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number < 100 to DIN 53409 and comprises the ~~following compound as a~~ amorphous phenolic stabilizer is represented by the following formula:



where m is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

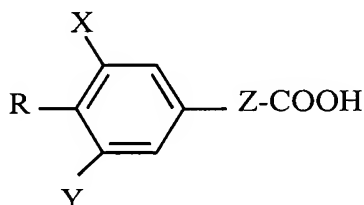
Claim 3 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one reducing agent is at least one organophosphorus compound of trivalent phosphorus.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a ratio of the amorphous phenolic stabilizer to the reducing agent by weight is from 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A material ~~plastic or lubricating oil or vegetable or animal oil~~ comprising ~~[[a]]~~ the mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material is one selected from the group consisting of a plastic, a lubricating oil, a vegetable oil and an animal oil.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A process for preparing an amorphous phenolic stabilizers stabilizer ~~by esterification, transesterification, transamidation, and/or amidation, which comprises comprising~~ carrying out one selected from the group consisting of esterification, transesterification, transamidation ~~and/or~~ and amidation in the presence of at least one reducing agent.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]] The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein use is made of the following~~ comprising a phenolic carboxylic acid or [[of]] a derivative of ~~[[this]] the carboxylic acid of the following formula:~~



where

R is -OH,

X and Y, independently of one another, are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~or~~ a straight-chain, branched-chain, ~~and/or~~ and cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

Z is an alkylene radical having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]] The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein~~ comprising [[an]] at least one polyether alcohol used comprises at least one polyether with a molar mass of from 120 to 3000 g/mol.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]] The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein~~ [[the]] a content of the at least one reducing agent agents in the reaction mixture for preparing ~~the ester and/or amide~~ is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on ~~[[the]] a total weight of the~~ mixture.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A mixture comprising the amorphous phenolic stabilizer ~~phenolic esters or phenolic amides~~ obtained by ~~[[a]]~~ the process as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one reducing agent is at least one organophosphorous compound of trivalent phosphorous.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a ratio of amorphous phenolic stabilizer to reducing agent by weight, is from 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A plastic or lubricating oil comprising a mixture as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a content of reducing agents in the reaction mixture for preparing the amorphous phenolic stabilizer is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the mixture.